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Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina P.O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc. for a Rate Increase

Docket No. 2009-41-T

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Application of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau ("SCTB") for a rate increase was filed with the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") on January 15, 2009. On February 25, 2009 the Commission issued a Directive providing the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") with sixty (60) days in which to investigate the proposed rate increase and issue a report to the Commission on the effects of the proposed increase.

As shown in the attached report of the ORS Audit Department, ORS initiated an impact study in order to make its report to the Commission. The key element of this study entails a review of the financial and business records of a sample portion of the nearly sixty members of the SCTB. After an initial telephone conference between members of the ORS legal, transportation and audit departments and the leadership of the SCTB, ORS selected six representative members of the SCTB for this review. On February 9, 2009 the ORS Audit Department mailed each of the six selected companies a detailed data request asking for certain financial and accounting records and gave them until March 9, 2009 to provide this information to ORS.

As of the date of this letter, one of the six selected companies has fully complied with the ORS data request, three have responded by providing ORS with partial records, and two of the selected companies have not provided any data or information to ORS Auditors. In total, the information which has been provided to ORS is insufficient to enable our Audit Department to conduct a thorough review to report the potential impact of the proposed tariff changes on the Household Goods moving industry or South Carolina consumers.

ORS therefore respectfully requests that the Commission deny the Application of the SCTB for a rate increase.

If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: S.C. Tariff Bureau

Enclosure: ORS Audit Dept. Report

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To:

George Parker, Transportation Department Manager

From: Roy H. Barnette, Audit Manager

Re:

Tariff Rate Increase Request of South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc.

South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc. ("SCTB") filed a request under the docket No. 2009-41-T for a rate increase on January 15, 2009. The ORS Audit Department initiated an impact study procedure to determine the effects of the proposed increase on the coverage ratios of the nearly sixty SCTB member companies.

ORS selected six representative members of SCTB for a detailed impact study based upon their relative size and geographic locations. For each of the sampled companies, ORS obtained copies of their respective Annual Reports for the calendar year 2007, and issued requests for certain financial and accounting records necessary to conduct the impact study.

Out of the selected companies, two companies did not provide any records and three companies did not provide adequate records to conduct the impact study. As a result, ORS Audit department is unable to determine the impact of the proposed tariff changes on the members of the South Carolina Tariff Bureau and accordingly is unable to formulate an opinion on the current SCTB application.